REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action of August 23, 2005 (Paper No./Date 20050813). The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect to prosecute one of two groups of claims identified in the Office Action as follows:

Group I (Claims 1-31 and 34) is drawn to a transmitter and/or encoding technique, classified in class 375, subclass 295; and

Group II (Claims 35-51), drawn to receiver and/or decoding technique, classified in class 375, subclass 341.

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the claims in Group I (claims 1-31 and 34), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application.

If there are any questions concerning this response, or any other aspect of the application, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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